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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: URANIUM PROSPECTING IN SOUTHERN ALGERIA

REF: (A) ALGIERS 1322, PARA 3 (B) NIAMEY 2559 (C) STATE 158692

1. EMBASSY'S BEST INFORMATION ON URANIUM IN SOUTHERN ALGERIA NEAR NIGER BORDER WAS REPORTED IN MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION DATED MARCH 7, 1975, WITH WEST GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

2. SINCE THEN US MINING CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN DOWN TO AREA IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP AREAS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH SECRECY. US FIRMS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH SOVIET WORK EVEN THOUGH AMAZED AT HOW MUCH IS DONE BY HAND. US COMPANIES HAVE NOT BEEN CONVINCED THAT URANIUM RESERVES WERE BIG ENOUGH TO DEVELOP. THEY SAW 3 AREAS OF INTEREST WITHIN SIX HOURS' DRIVE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF TAMANRASSET OR
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STILL WELL NORTH OF NIGER BORDER.

3. FRANK STEPHENS OF HAZEN CORPORATION OF GOLDEN, COLORADO; R.A. BARKER OF AMAX EXPLORATION, INC. OF DENVER, COLORADO, AND CLIFFORD MARK OF CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION OF LOS ANGELES MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES ALL WORK TO DATE IS EXPLORATORY AND NO FIRM DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS OR CONTRACTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE.

4. NEA/AFN SHOULD SEND COPY OF MEMCON TO NIAMEY. PARKER

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